GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4049
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CLINTON S SOLUTION TO KASHMIR PROBLEM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Bill Clinton, the President of America, has linked the solution of Kashmir Problem with the issue of permanent membership of India in the Security Council and described the proposal of United Nations on Kashmir as main obstacle in this process;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) The Government has seen news items referred to in the Question, which is based on a remark attributed to President Clinton in a reported Press Release by a private foundation in the United States.

(c) It is Government`s view that based on every objective criteria, India has a claim to permanent membership in any expanded United Nations Security Council.Government rejects any linkage of its rightful claim to the permanent membership of an expanded United Nations Security Council to the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.